

Union Men Will Fight Operators

United Mine Workers to Carry On Struggle With West Virginia Operators for Collective Bargaining.

Governor Is Criticized

Indianapolis, Dec. 5.—The United Mine Workers of America plan to carry on a struggle with the coal operators of Alabama and Mingo county, West Virginia, "to a finish," said a statement issued tonight by the union officials.

According to the statement, the miners' international board has unanimously adopted a declaration promising the Alabama and West Virginia miners "the full moral and financial assistance of the international union."

The text of the declaration as adopted by the board also was made public. It criticized the West Virginia governor for calling out federal troops and asserted that if he were truthful to his oath of office, he would disarm private detectives, who, it was said, are employed by the operators. Regarding the Alabama situation, the declaration said, "It is questionable whether the people of Armenia, whose sufferings have shocked the world, are in any worse circumstances than the oppressed mine workers of Alabama."

Text of Declaration

The text of the declaration follows: "The international executive board is impressed with the spirit of self-sacrifice displayed by the mine workers of Alabama in their wonderful fight for the right to establish the principle of collective bargaining and compel recognition by the coal operators of the award of the United States bituminous coal commission. The 42,000 men, women and children who are engaged in this struggle are suffering from the most intense persecution heaped upon them by the arrogant coal operators of that state. Every conceivable method has been used against them—eviction from their homes, foreclosure upon their household and personal effects, false arrests and imprisonment, prohibition of the right of assembly, denial of their statutory and constitutional rights, unwarranted use of state troops in the coal fields, denunciation by an unfavorable press and a most malicious public campaign of misrepresentation, all failed to break their dauntless spirit. It is indeed questionable whether the people of Armenia, whose sufferings have shocked the world, are in any worse circumstances than the oppressed mine workers of Alabama."

Miners Locked Out

In Mingo county, West Virginia, a struggle of equal importance is being waged. The miners of that territory were locked out by their employers because of their desire to organize and their request for the recognition of the principle of collective bargaining. They have waged a remarkable struggle against overwhelming odds despite the fact that the coal operators have employed a large force of hired gunmen employed by the coal operators of that region. Many men have been shot in cold blood by these modern Hessians while in a multiplicity of instances others have suffered from brutal assaults upon West Virginia without having redress in the law. The governor of that commonwealth has utterly failed to give protection to these citizens and has displayed his shameful weakness by recently calling for the use of federal troops in the Mingo county strike. It were he true to his oath of office he would at once exercise the power vested in him as governor of West Virginia and compel the coal companies to disarm the hundreds of Baldwin-Felts gunmen employed by them, who have usurped the powers of the commonwealth and exercise these powers in the interest of the coal operators and contrary to the welfare of the citizens of West Virginia.

Two Officers Killed, One Hurt in Attempt To Raid Italian Home

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 5.—Detective Sergeant Miles M. Jackson of San Francisco and Sheriff James A. Fettry of Sonoma county, were killed and Detective Lester H. Dorman of San Francisco, was shot while questioning three men in a house in the local Italian quarter in connection with recent attacks on young women in San Francisco.

George Boyd, one of the men inside the house, police said, died in the shooting, was shot in the side. Police believe he shot himself. He will recover, doctors said.

The detectives and policeman, Katherine O'Connor of San Francisco, arrived in Santa Rosa with three young San Francisco girls who had been attacked recently in that city. The police brought through the girls to identify Charles Valenti of San Francisco, as one of the men sought in connection with the attacks. The policeman and the three girls were outside the house when the shooting took place.

Glenwood, Iowa, Woman Heiress to Share in \$800,000,000 Wycoff Estate

Janitress in Church and Business Houses Plans to Remain in Home Town and Help Others Who Have Felt Sting of Poverty.

Glenwood, Ia., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—With prospects of obtaining at least \$800,000,000 of the \$800,000,000 Wycoff estate in New York, Mrs. J. W. Lucas of this city is continuing her plans for spending the rest of her life in this city. The bright lights of Broadway, the lure of globe-trotting or the fascination of the expensive watering places and resorts have no attraction to this woman.

The drudgery of cleaning office rooms, churches, lodge rooms and working out in private families and at restaurants has failed to dampen the ardor of this Mills county woman for her home town. Her only plans, which she admits she often cheerfully obtained a position as janitress in the Methodist church and office buildings. Her husband is an engineer, working with threshing crews in the summer and as a well-

One Fortune Lost

Poverty has not always been the lot of Mrs. Lucas. Money inherited from her mother was lost in speculation in land and cattle in the west. When reverses came she accepted her misfortunes as they came and cheerfully obtained a position as janitress in the Methodist church and office buildings. Her husband is an engineer, working with threshing crews in the summer and as a well-

Bankruptcy for Lincoln Potash Company Asked

Petition Filed in Federal Court by Three Firms Urging That Concern Be Declared Insolvent.

Lincoln, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Creditors of the American Potash company have asked that a receiver be appointed to take charge of the business of the company. The application was filed in the federal court yesterday by Dobson & Co., S. A. Foster Lumber Co., and the Nebraska Buick Co., all three firms of Lincoln.

The application charges bankruptcy in that on December 4, 1920, its board of directors admitted that the corporation was unable to pay its debts and was willing that the proceedings in bankruptcy should be started. The claims of the petitioners are \$3,000, \$12,000, and \$5,000, respectively.

Admits Indebtedness

W. E. Sharp of Lincoln, president of the company, admits that the debts of the firm will run to between \$375,000 and \$400,000, but says that the two plants of the company, with the potash lakes and leases, are worth \$2,500,000. About half of the indebtedness is held by Lincoln creditors and is secured principally in first mortgage bonds. The planters of the company are in Lincoln, but its two plants are located at Antioch in Sheridan county. Its capital stock is given as \$2,000,000, the majority of which is held by Lincoln men. According to the officers the cause of the trouble is the cancellation of the contract of the American Agricultural Chemical company of New York for 12,000 tons of potash. This compelled the company to either shut down its plants or operate on borrowed capital. The condition of the money market would not permit the financing of the proposition.

Unable to Collect Notes

According to Mr. Sharp, who went down to New York to see what could be done, the New York company which made the contracts furnishing fertilizer to the potash is a large per cent to southern cotton planters in the spring, taking notes due in the fall. The chemical company is holding about \$33,000,000 of these notes and has been able to collect only about 16 per cent. This meant that they could handle no more. To secure the company the directors agreed to the appointment of a receiver.

Clarinda Savings Bank Forced to Close Doors

Clarinda, Ia., Dec. 5.—The Clarinda Trust and Savings bank did not open Saturday and a notice was posted on the door which read: "This bank is going out of business on account of difficulty of collections. Deposits are \$205,000, all guaranteed."

Colorado Bank Closed

Denver, Dec. 5.—The First Bank of Hill, Colo., with deposits of \$224,000, closed its doors, according to a telegram received at the state bank examiner's office here. The bank began business in 1907. No statement will be made by the examiner's office until an investigation has been made, it was said.

THE OMAHA BEE \$100 Movie Contest See Page 3.

Prison Gates Close on Collins

Driver of Mail Bandits' Car Starts 15-Year Term Less Than Week After Capture at Westville.

Spirit of Bravado Gone

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—"There is my long-time home," smiled Keith Collins, confessed member of the gang that staged the largest mail robbery on record, in Council Bluffs, November 13, as the street car on which he was riding stopped in front of the federal penitentiary here. He will serve a 15-year sentence imposed on him by Federal Judge Martin J. Wade in Des Moines.

Collins appeared gloomy when his arrival failed to create the excitement that greeted him in Des Moines and which brought forth his braggadocio statement that the publicity he had obtained would be worth \$100,000 to him, as he planned to enter the movies when he got out of prison.

Arrival Unheeded

The first knowledge the higher prison officials had of his arrival was when questioned by a Des Moines correspondent. He will not be accorded the star prisoner treatment given Bill Haywood and Jack Johnson, judging from the little interest paid to him on his arrival.

Collins arrived between two deputy marshals and was handcuffed one of them. The officers say he had very little to say during the trip. He will not be "mugged" or given his prison clothing until Monday. It had not been decided today to what kind of work Collins will be assigned.

Prisoner Visits Mother On Way to Penitentiary

Less than a week after his capture at Westville, Okla., last Sunday, Keith Collins, driver of the automobile used by the gang which robbed the Burlington mail train in Council Bluffs, November 13, was lodged in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., to begin serving the 15-year sentence passed upon him at Des Moines by Judge Martin J. Wade.

Federal officials made up a purse to permit W. A. Byer, United States commissioner, and Fred Shoemaker, deputy marshal, to take Collins through Council Bluffs on his way to the penitentiary for a short visit with his mother, who attempted suicide after his implication in the mail robbery had been established, and who still is in a serious condition.

Term May Be Shortened

Collins and the two federal officers arrived in the Bluffs at midnight Friday. His mother was notified of his presence in the city and permitted to visit with him for a short time. Yesterday morning he was taken to a local pool hall for his case, where he is spending Sunday at his home in Harlan, Ia. The verdict was opened at 2 yesterday.

Postoffice Inspectors W. L. Noah and J. W. Adams of Kansas City and W. M. Coble of Omaha spent a busy morning at Coble's office in the federal building in Omaha preparing final reports of their work since the mail train was robbed. They accompanied Collins, Orville and Merle Phillips and Fred Hoffharger to Des Moines the first of the week and returned to Omaha yesterday.

Japanese Close Frontier To Far-Eastern Republic

London, Dec. 5.—A Moscow wireless says that in revenge for the crushing by the bolsheviks of the anti-bolshevik bands of General Semenov, the Cossack leader, Japanese have seized the season and closed the Manchurian frontier to the Russian far-eastern republic.

Mints Establish Record

Washington, Dec. 5.—Mints established a record in coinage during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of Director Ray Baker. A total of 899,500,000 coins were executed, which Mr. Baker declares a record. The figures show an increase of 446 per cent in coinage over 1915, the last normal year.

Motherless Boy and Pal Arrested On Alleged Christmas Tree Raid

His mother is dead. His father works at Murdock, Neb., and is away from home most of the time. One sister, 16, telephone operator, is in the hospital.

That left Joe Bagatz, 13, and his 9-year-old sister alone to manage the home at 2524 South Twenty-fifth street.

So ran the story that Joe took police after he and Leonard Stillmuck, 11, 2416 Elm street, were picked up by railroad detectives Saturday afternoon following an alleged raid on a flat car loaded with Christmas trees in the Great Western yards at Twenty-fourth and Vinton streets.

Perhaps it was the Christmas spirit and the hopes of possessing a tree to be decorated with tinsel and candles that led the group of 18 small boys to invade the railroad yards.

Officers said that they caught the boys in the act of unloading the car and that all but two of the youths escaped. Joe and Leonard were dragging away three bunches of six trees each, the detectives said. They also asserted that upon his apprehension, Joe offered to split his booty with the yard watchman in exchange for liberty.

Remedies in Sight



Manslaughter Verdict of Jury in Barrett Case

Alleged Bluffs Bandit Will Be Sentenced Today in Court—Deliberation Lasted 24 Hours.

Clifford Barrett, indicted for first degree murder after the death of Steve Kilibordo in the Pete Potkonak pool hall on February 25, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in district court at Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon.

Wilson Asks Help In Relief Work

President Sends Out Appeal For Contributions to Near East Fund.

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Wilson addressed an appeal yesterday to the American people for contributions to the Near East relief fund.

International Reform Bureau to Ask Better Prohibition Laws

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The international reform bureau at its twenty-sixth anniversary here December 8 to 10, plans an effort to secure from congress new legislation to "improve prohibition enforcement," to "protect China against shipment of American morphine," and to reduce gambling, according to a statement given out by Dr. W. F. Crafts.

Proposed Blue Laws Would Hit Churches, Attorney Says

Baltimore, Dec. 5.—If the so-called "blue laws," which some religious and reform organizations lately have sought to legislate or enforce, with respect to Sunday amusements, were given a literal application, it would be illegal for churches to have paid choirs, State Attorney General Armstrong said in an opinion.

Loup City Farmer Fined For Assaulting Attorney

Loup City, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Leroy London, young farmer, after a trial lasting two days, was found guilty of assaulting W. H. Line, Loup City attorney, and fined \$50. He filed notice of appeal. Testimony showed that Line was struck in the face and his cheek bone broken in two places following a settlement he made with London for the keep of a neighbor's cattle.

Long Time Urged For Payment of World War Debts

Senator Watson Advocates Period of 60 Years as Means of Lightening Tax Burden.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Extension of the time for the payment of the war debt over a period of 60 years was advocated today by Senator Watson of Indiana, as a means of helping to lighten the tax burden. Repeal of the excess profits tax and reduction of the surtaxes on large incomes also were urged by him.

Rumors of Alliance Between Japanese and Chile Strongly Denied

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 5.—Luis Aldunate Echeverria, the foreign minister, issued a statement emphatically denying as "absurd" rumors published in the European and American press regarding an alliance between Chile and Japan. The statement says: "There is not the slightest basis of fact in them."

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Three Badly Hurt in Iowa Train Crash

Fast Mail Collides With Passenger Train at Creston—Steel Pullman Prevents Loss of Life.

Engineer May Not Live

Creston, Ia., Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Three persons were seriously injured and a score slightly hurt here at noon today when Burlington fast mail train No. 7 ran into the rear-end of Burlington passenger train No. 3, standing in front of the station.

Railroad men account for the fact that there was no loss of life to the fact that the rear coach of the passenger train was an all-steel Pullman. Three mail cars and the engine on train No. 7 were badly damaged.

The woman passenger in the Pullman car sustained a broken leg in the crash. A negro porter was badly scalded. The engineer on No. 7 was taken to a hospital badly injured and may not live.

The condition of the injured engineer prevented him from explaining how he came to run into the other train standing in front of the station and his fireman, who was busy at the time, was at a loss to explain how the accident happened. The only possible explanation railroad men could give was that either the brakes refused to work or the engineer had succeeded a stroke while at the throttle.

This is the third wreck on this division of the Burlington in the last 30 days. The engineer and an unidentified man were killed in a wreck at Staton, Ia.

Shafer Interests In Bank Bought

Purchase by Head of American State Bank Will Eliminate Friction.

D. W. Geiselman, president of the American State bank yesterday purchased the Shafer interests in the institution. The purchase eliminates the friction which has existed among the stockholders for some time, according to Francis A. Brogan, of the law firm of Brogan, Ellick and Raymond, in whose offices the transfer was consummated.

Mr. Geiselman declined to make any formal statements until his plans were more complete. Attorney Brogan stated that the plans as roughly made by the owners called for an expansion program that would largely develop the bank's business and will probably lead to the addition of some well-known Omaha business men to the list of officers and directors.

Differences of opinion of the opposing factions of stockholders have resulted in several suits being filed in the courts and it is stated that arrangements were made to settle all differences and permit the bank under the new control to follow out their plans for increasing the bank's business without interruption.

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"I have always protected my wheat and alfalfa fields, says Mr. Kizer, "but this year my live stock has access to such fields. I do not expect to harvest my 700 acres of winter wheat. My 1920 crop of winter wheat was good, but it brought only \$1.10 a bushel. To fuel my live stock I will burn corn for at 25 cents a bushel—it will be cheaper than coal and the older people who used to burn it in early days tell us it makes a good fire."

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The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska: Unsettled; cooler in northern portion.

Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon.